



Foggy Bottom News

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UPDATE

Safeway/CVS

The planned meeting of members of the community with a representative of the Korean-American Grocers Association was cancelled at the request of the grocers' group. It had been arranged by June Hirsh of Councilmember Evans' office; after surveying the neighborhood, the grocers' representative felt there was little opportunity for his group in our area.

Meanwhile, renovations on the CVS store which is replacing the Safeway Townhouse are proceeding. At the same time, a \$65 million corporate CVS advertising campaign was launched in mid-January with the theme, "Care that touches everyone, one at a time." Washington is one of the first markets to be used in the campaign. According to the *New York Times*, CVS "is the largest drugstore chain in number of stores, at about 4,000. . .," with sales estimated at almost \$13 billion. The D.C. phone book lists almost 50 stores in the city, at least four or five within a short distance of the new store. An article in a recent *Washington Post* business section explored the drug chain's expansion and residents' criticisms of its "relentless march into the Washington market."

Egyptian Embassy to Clear 26th Street Lots

The residents of Potowmac Overlook have received a copy of a letter from the Egyptian Embassy promising to clear up the two lots they own at 26th & L Streets, N.W. For almost a year the lots have been overgrown with weeds, accumulations of

trash, and cars have been illegally parked and dumped there, in violation of the residential zoning. The embassy has responded to months of urging by the State Department at the behest of Eleanor Homes Norton and her staff. Catherine Braun, President of Potowmac Overlook's owners' group, received the letter which promised to clean up the lots and have the automobiles towed by a private company. Braun and other residents have been urging action by D.C., the Exxon station which had stored the cars there, and the Egyptians for many months. She expressed appreciation to Norton and the State Department, but added, "I'm not celebrating just yet."

HPRB Upholds FB Historic Character

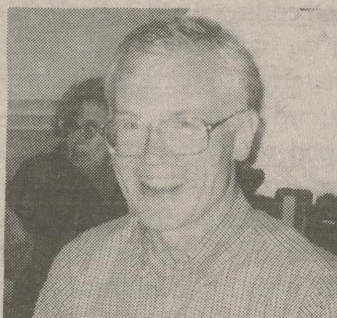
At a recent hearing, the Historic Preservation Review Board ruled that a proposed third-story addition to a house on Eye Street must conform to the street's historic designation and be set back 18 feet from the front facade. This is the second time a proposed addition in this block was opposed by the Board. Also objecting were 50 signers of a

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KenCen Unveils Modification Plans

The Kennedy Center is unveiling its plans for additional parking and changes to the grounds and roads leading to and from its property. A major change will be the relocation of the driveway and plaza farther east and away from the building. This change also involves elimination of the ramp leading to the Center from New Hampshire Avenue, and rerouting traffic to the portion of 25th Street which runs between the freeway and the Embassy of Saudi Arabia. This road would lead directly to the Center driveway, and would carry three lanes of traffic,

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Thomas Named to GWU Hospital Board

FBA Vice President Michael T. Thomas has been named to the Board of Trustees of the George Washington Hospital, a 12-member advisory group; he will represent the Foggy Bottom Association as a community representative. Thomas' interest in maintaining and improving the hospital led him to research

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CFO Anthony Williams To Speak at February FBA Meeting

The Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia, Anthony O. Williams, will be the guest speaker at the February 23 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. It is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Williams made two major announcements just prior to press time. After some weeks of consideration, Williams announced that he would not make a run for office of D.C. Mayor, although he indicated he had received many expressions of support. Earlier he reported that D.C. is expecting a surplus for this fiscal year.

When he spoke to the FBA last year at this time, his presentation was couched in understandable terms (not always the case with financial folks), as well as thoughtful and educational. We anticipate no less on February 23.

22nd & M Project Expands

At the January ANC meeting, Anthony Lanier of Millenium Partners, which is developing the "Blackie's lot" at 22nd & M, advised that the company has purchased more of the square and is filing to modify its Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the site. Lanier announced that he has a contract to purchase the remaining lots on that block, excluding the Carriage House at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and L Street. Included in the new purchase are the West End Theatres building, the Goldoni Restaurant building, and an office

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speaker:

Anthony O. Williams
Chief Financial Officer,
District of Columbia

Monday, February 23, 1997

Wyndham Bristol Hotel
2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting, Monday, March 30, 1998)

FBA Meeting Dates

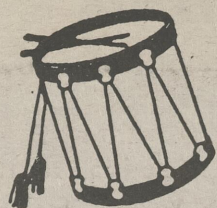
Monday, March 30

Monday, April 27

**Monday, June 1 (to
avoid Memorial
Day Holiday)**

Monday, June 29

The Becker Beat



The more things change, the more they remain the same. This can be said for opinions printed in neighborhood newspapers. I recently came across an editorial published in the June, 1991 *News* which, except for the names I have changed, is even more pertinent today than then.

Let Marion Do It . . .

You probably recognize the somewhat altered axiom and after the recent past, I guess we are expecting Marion to do it all. Let's realize it's time to stop asking the government to do things better or as well done by ourselves.

D.C. has to build roads; it has to pick up our trash, tend to sewers, send water to our faucets, see to crime, and provide some help to the helpless. (Fortunately there are a myriad of caring private

organizations who provide an enormous amount of help to the helpless!) These are essential, can only be done by the city, and they cost a bundle.

But let's take a look at the finances of this city, and ask if it isn't time to do a little bit ourselves. Let's continue to remind city departments when there is a real need for their services, but remember there are some things we just don't have the money to do—especially when the city payroll is to be cut.

An example: Why can't we get the Public Works Department to weed the median strip on K Street? Barring a miracle—and a waste of personnel—that's not going to happen unless WE do it. If weeds bother you, yank on one as you go by. It won't take long for them to

disappear.

And another gripe I hear: "Why don't they sweep the streets in Foggy Bottom?" Well, it can be reported that city employees do sweep up the debris in the gutters once in a while (and it can't be easy with 100% parking!) But our European visitors will tell you they are required to clean regularly in front of their homes, and it's no big deal. So, if that is a bother to you, take 15 minutes, a broom, a piece of cardboard, and tidy it up where you live.

Isn't it time to change our outlook, and to lower the expectations we have for being instantly and completely taken care of by city employees? Let's try to take care of things ourselves once in a while; it fosters pride and prevents frustration.

United Presents Lenten Study Services

The United Church at 20th and G Streets N.W. is offering a series of Lenten discussions focusing on *The Good Book*, a recent publication by contemporary Harvard theologian Peter Gomes. The Reverend Dr. H. Donald Smith, senior pastor of the United Church, will lead the groups on Thursdays from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. (bring a brown-bag lunch if you wish) and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning March 3 and ending April 2. Both sessions will cover the same material, so participants may attend either one. Neighborhood residents and workers are especially invited. There is no charge for the series apart from the purchase of the book. For additional information, please call the church office at 331-1495.

Local Merchants Offer FBA Discounts

Below are listed the names of FBA's favorite retail establishments—those who offer special deals to persons with FBA membership cards. Take a good look at the list, and take advantage of the privileges offered. It's a win-win situation; you get a good deal, they get good customers, and you get to know each other better.

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15% off dinner after 8 pm Tuesday-Saturday and after 5 pm Sunday-Monday

Magic Gourd Restaurant, 528 23rd St., NW; 466-3995

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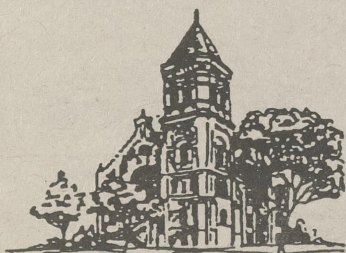
Marshall's Bar and Grille, 2524 L St., NW; 333-1155

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building on 22nd Street. The new application is being filed by Millenium and by two Pedas family trusts, which own the new lots being purchased by Lanier.

The PUD approved earlier this year included retail space on the street level and a below-grade level, a large health club on the 2nd and 3rd floors, and 240-300 apartment units, part rental and part condominium. According to the company's notice of intent, the proposed modification would add more residential, retain the retail and health club parts, and add a luxury hotel with its lobby opening on 22nd Street. Lanier also indicated that the plans include building in the airspace above the east-west alley.

Architectural plans for the development are not yet complete. In return for increased floor area ratio, Millenium will provide a number of community amenities, including improvements to Washington Circle, to streetscape lighting on M Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, to the West End Library and the 26th Street park and children's playground.

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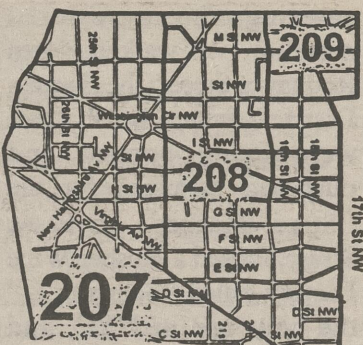
News from 2D

(2nd District, Metropolitan Police)

Two new officers have been assigned to the two FB/WE police teams: new at PSA 207 is Vernon Jones, and Steve Evans has joined PSA 208's roster. At the community meeting for PSA 207, Sgt. Robert Panizari announced that he is detailing one officer to work exclusively on traffic problems from 10:00 to 6:30 p.m., pursuant to residents' requests for more vigorous enforcement. (He assured the audience that all his officers would continue attention to traffic problems as well.) In addition, in both PSAs, the officers would again place notices on autos which have possessions visible inside the car, in a continuing effort to decrease thefts from autos. At the January ANC meeting, Sgt. Echols noted that over 150 tickets had been issued at the intersection of 25th & K Streets.

January "Stats" Show Continued Decrease

PSA 207 (west of 22nd Street) experienced 2 robberies, 1 assault, 3 burglaries, 12 thefts, 25 thefts from auto, and 2 stolen autos, for a total of 45. This is a decrease from 51 offenses in December and 74 in January 1997. PSA 208 had 7 robberies, 3 assaults, 13 burglaries, 25 thefts, 31 thefts from auto, and 3 stolen autos. These represent a slight decrease from December and last year, and the team is attempting to increase crime prevention schemes inside the office buildings in that area.



The community meeting for PSA 207 will be regularly scheduled for the last Thursday of each month at St. Paul's Church dining hall, 2430 K Street, N.W., at 7:00 p.m. PSA 208's next meeting is Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the State Plaza Hotel, 2117 E Street, N.W.

PSA 207 & 208 Phones

To reach Lt. Lanciano, Sgt. Panizari, Sgt. Rucker or other 207 or 208 officers, call 282-0050. To reach their voice mailboxes, call 727-4932 or 282-1162.

GWU Offers Children's Summer Camp

The GW Summer Sports Camp is again being offered for active boys and girls, ages 7-12. The camp, from July 6-31, is in four one-week sessions at the Smith Center at 22nd and G Streets. Included in the activities are the fundamentals of basketball, soccer, football, baseball, and volleyball, as well as use of the center's swimming pool. The hours of the camp are 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Call 994-7546 for information and registration forms. According to the announcement, due to a large number of repeat campers, the camp is often fully enrolled during the month of March.

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FB Fortieth Committee Seeks Ideas

Olga Corey, FBA Board member, is chairing FB's 40th Anniversary Committee, and wants YOUR ideas and participation to make it a year to remember. She has prepared a brief survey which appears below. Hope you get in the spirit and share your thoughts!

Please take a few minutes to look over the following activities that have been suggested so far—and give us your reaction.

Suggestions for the Foggy Bottom 40th Anniversary

- a special FBA meeting featuring local historians??

- a special issue of the FBA News??

- reminiscences by long-time community residents??

- a photo display of local historic buildings??

- awards to local individuals/institutions that have made Foggy Bottom such a great place to live, work, shop, and play??

- special resolution by local and Federal government??

- a spring or fall social event??

- pins, shirts, placards, bumper stickers??

- other ideas

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Rennie Remembers . . . Ellis Island Part II

by Rennie Melonson



Museum Features Variety of Resources

We were left on our own for an hour, so I ventured up to the third floor of the museum, which features a library, a reading room, an oral history room, encased exhibits ("Silent Voices" and "Treasures from Home"), chronicles of Ellis Island, dormitories, a conference room, and tapes (at a small charge) in English, French, Spanish and German. In the 30 galleries are donated articles by immigrants from all periods (artifacts, historic photos, posters, maps, oral histories and ethnic sheet music). Especially enjoyed seeing many old-fashioned items such as handsewn dresses and men's suits, crocheted baby items, leather gloves, purses, coverlets, quilts, shoes, boots, etc. If I had had enough time, I would have liked to have watched the continuously-running films documenting the Ellis Island experience and seen the displays chronicling four centuries of immigration history from pre-Colonial to the present time—as well as looking at more photographs describing an abandoned Ellis Island, and hearing some taped interviews of immigrants processed there. I did take notice of a photo that showed the old battered piano I had seen in 1985.

Having to meet the group on the first floor at 4:30 p.m., I hurriedly ran down to search for my family's name on the computer. I found it! Another time, in good

weather, I shall come again to this museum and take in everything in a leisurely fashion. At least on this tour I was able to appreciate the marvelous restoration that is open to the public at no admission fee. I recommend it!

By 4:30 p.m. our group had assembled on the first floor to board the waiting bus for the short ride to the motel in Jersey City (Quality Inn). After picking up the key, unpacking in my room and taking a hot shower, I dressed and met the others in the lobby at 6:15 p.m. Our dinner was to be at "Sammy's" which featured a Romanian-Jewish menu. Located in Manhattan's Lower East Side, it was not outwardly appealing to me, as it was below ground and not attractive. However, the small one-room restaurant was filled with young people having a good time, chatting and eating, while a pianist played recognizable tunes very well. We were bombarded with food as soon as we sat at our tables, after first being introduced to "Sammy," the friendly and charming host. Out came the pickled food (tomatoes, cucumbers), then chopped liver (plain and with chicken fat), tiny "unborn" eggs (ooh!!), sausages, boiled potatoes, potato latkes, pastry filled with spices and meat, noodles, stuffed cabbage, egg cream drink (cream, chocolate syrup and seltzer), and many bottles of seltzer water. (Whew! All I wanted really was broiled salmon and a salad, puleez!) Eventually my entree and salad arrived

(at least an hour after the so-called appetizers, that is). As I wished to be courteous and always do try tasting any type of "foreign" foods, I had a bit of all of the above-mentioned before attempting to eat my entree. (No, I certainly couldn't finish the very delicious salmon!)

Seated next to me were Jewish-Americans (tour leader Steve and his lovely wife Fran and a few others in our group), who suggested that we all try to sing the popular "Havanagila." Awful sounds were emitted from the rest of us who didn't know it. (I did learn the words during a trip to Jerusalem, I recalled, but now couldn't remember them, only the music.) It certainly was an unusual (lively, I'd say) evening at generous Sammy's! In order to aid our digestion, I assume, we were driven around Lower East side of Manhattan for an hour before returning to our motel. (I prefer daylight for sightseeing—I was a little familiar with the sights we saw in the dark and rainy night, as I had walked about some of these areas on one of my solitary visits to Manhattan. Always an interesting and exciting city, day or night!)

Lower East Side: Tenements and Sweatshops

On Sunday morning we boarded our bus (raining, again, ugh!) for the ride to Manhattan to tour the Lower East Side Tenement Museum at 97 Orchard Street. Before

entering the unrestored museum, we walked down Rivington Street (the Bargain District), where small stores were being opened and pushcarts arranged for the "Street Market" on Essex Street. Passed a Kosher Wine Factory called "Schapiro's," the only one in NYC, and stopped briefly in the matzo bakery, in use since the 1880s. Our Tour Assistant, Bill Ullman, bought and handed us each a matzo, that was good but had a bland taste.

We learned that the Lower East Side is the most densely populated neighborhood. Crossing Delancey and Orchard we passed the so-called old Jewish-U.S. Bank, and the Romanian Synagogue of 1885. The area had been farmland originally inhabited by Dutch and English. Along with two other developers, Lucas Glockner bought the site of the Presbyterian Church in 1863 (that was in this once middle-class neighborhood) and constructed this six-story building (20 apartments of three tiny rooms each—no gas, no electricity, no running water (water was obtained as it streamed down the back of the building), no fireproofing, no ventilation, no windows and no fire escapes; there were six outhouses in the rear.

Typical of the mid-19th century architecture, it is an Italianate-style brick building. In 1867 New York State passed its first housing law for fire escapes, ventilation and outdoor "privie" for every 20 residents! Gas was supplied in 1800s. By 1901 a new law ordered installation of running water, indoor hall toilets and windows in the interior walls and a skylight. In the early 1900s, water pipes, electricity and fire escapes were installed, and the first floor and basement were converted to storefronts with metal steps leading to the second floor.

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Wellness Lecture Series Targets Community

GW's Community Wellness Lecture Series is being presented weekly in the GW Hospital Auditorium on the latest medical treatments, disease prevention, nutrition and general health information. Coffee and tea are served from 6:30-6:55 p.m., with the presentation "beginning promptly" at 7:00 p.m. They are free but reservations are requested. Phone 1-888-4GW-DOCS or 994-2214. Dates and subjects coming are:

February 24:

"Vegetarian Nutrition"

March 3:

"New Approaches to Medical Treatment of Diabetes"

March 10:

"Osteoporosis: What Every Woman Should Know"

March 24:

"Laser Vision Correction: Why It Might Be Right For You"

March 31:

"Alternative Medicine and You"

GWU Offers Eating Disorders Screening

The Community Counseling Services of The George Washington University has scheduled an eating disorder screening program for late February. It will be held Monday through Friday, February 23-27, at 2134 G Street, N.W. Hours are 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m.

The program consists of education, screening, and referral. The educational component includes a presentation about eating disorders, a Q&A session and the showing of a video. A self-report questionnaire and a brief screening interview with a clinician comprises the second part, followed by recommendations and further evaluation where appropriate. The National Institute of Mental Illness estimates that five million or more Americans suffer from eating disorders, and others have disordered eating behaviors and unhealthy attitudes about food, weight, and body image. For information, call Brian Peters at 994-8645.

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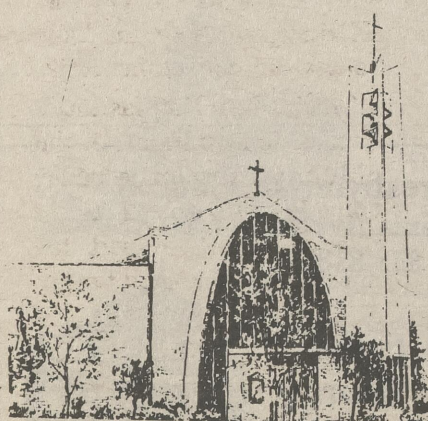
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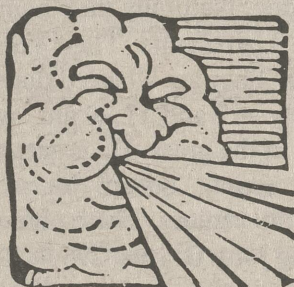
petition, ANC Commissioner Maria Tyler, and Geoffrey Tyler who represented the Foggy Bottom Conservancy. According to the Tylers, the proposal they offered, which was accepted, provided the same new floor space as the owner's design, but preserved the level roof line of the block which is deemed one of the best-preserved sections of the historic district.

ANC Election Date Uncertain

At press time, the date for the election of an ANC Commissioner for Single Member District 2A02 is not definite, due to quorum questions at the January meeting. Originally scheduled in conjunction with the February 18 ANC meeting at St. Stephen Martyr Church, it may have been put off some weeks.

Two candidates for the position, Nadia Taran and

Richard Price, appeared at the FBA meeting in January and presented their ideas. ANC 2A02 is bounded by N Street, Rock Creek Parkway, Pennsylvania Avenue and 20th Street. Taran (rhymes with Karen) lives at the Gibson on 23rd Street and is with the Fairfax County library system; Price lives in the Westbridge on 26th Street and works on health policy matters for the Congressional Research Service.



Foggy Bottom Folks



A not-very-nice crime committed against GWU's **Adam Kinsinger** did not pay, but was bad news anyway. Adam was held up on New Hampshire Avenue above M Street a couple of hours after the FBA meeting; he was not hurt, and his wallet, ID and credit cards were returned after the fact. Since he does not carry cash and the credit cards were returned, it was not fruitful for the mugger but decidedly unpleasant for Adam. He is the GWU Student Association's community relations vice president.

Eye Street's **Carl Peter** is reading Rennie Melonson's Ellis Island article with more

than casual interest. At a very tender age he and his mother, emigrating from Germany, were two Americans-to-be processed there. He reiterated that those who came first class by-passed the center, but he did not. Many years later he is a friend and good neighbor; it is indeed fortunate he did not hit some of those terrible snags which caused rejection and deportation.

Students at Foggy Bottom's School Without Walls are mentioned with some regularity in the local newspapers. The latest mention is in an article about student members of various school boards. A young lady named **Renee Drumgold** is such a student member, serving on the D.C. school system's Board of Education. According to the article, Renee recently involved herself in the case of a handicapped girl who needed to work out an arrangement for classes after she suffered an attack on school grounds.

Haven't caught up with lots of happenings on an Eye Street block over the past months. While the street lost some wonderful neighbors over the past year, the block seems fortunate in their successors. A belated welcome to **Susan Wallace, Peter Hirsh, Diana Tiberi, Shibu Dhar, Elizabeth Cooper, Allen Scott Phillips, Murray Nimmo, and Gregg Hopkins**, and to **Vivian Kuo and Daphne Marinopoulos** who have bought but not yet moved in.

Genial **Ron Eng** has made a nice contribution to the FBA by picking up the tab for some Foggy Bottom T-shirts. These bought-and-paid for shirts were designated for the FBA to award to special friends as its officers see fit. A nice gesture, that's for sure. The first went to Lt. Joe Trippi to remind him of the friends he made in FB during his assignment to PSA 207.

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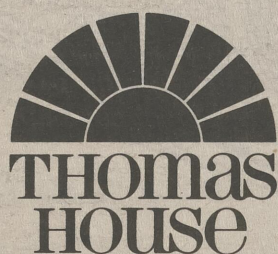
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The Local Kaleidoscope

By John Graves

It's a Dog's Life in Foggy Bottom



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one each way and the middle lane reversible. The planners are also working with the Federal Highway Administration to open a ramp from that road directly onto the freeway toward the Roosevelt Bridge. This would provide convenient egress after performances for the high number of Virginia patrons. Also planned is extensive landscaping.

On a warm sunny day as I was enjoying my usual stroll around the area, I noticed this gentleman also out for a stroll pushing a baby carriage. But his stroller did not contain a baby. It had two of the cutest little dogs you ever saw riding along in true comfort. What a startling scene that caught the eye of every passerby. I engaged the master in conversation. Noting that he spoke with a French accent I inquired about his home town. To make a long conversation short, my WWII Infantry Division fought through and liberated his village in Alsace.

But more about the cute dogs. They are known as "Pugs" with the appearance of a small bull dog. Naturally their home (not dog house) is in the Watergate Apartments. Their exercise time periods are quite regulated. They are wheeled down to the Potomac River front precisely at 9 and 11:30 am and 4:30 and 9 pm daily for their romp in the grass. He is armed with the protection stick and the necessary "scoop" for proper sanitation becoming such respectful canines. These photos are available to the owners by calling John Graves, 296-4133. The carriage had no stereo.

Make a Difference

Bring Recyclables to Judiciary Square

The Campaign to Restore Recycling encourages D.C. citizens to both recycle materials and make a statement about the need to recycle. On the first Monday of each month, they invite citizens to bring newspapers, bottles and cans to One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. The material is pil-

ed in front of the building on the sidewalk, in full view of its occupants and pedestrians using the Metro station. The building contains the offices of the Mayor and City Council as well as other D.C. departments; nearby buildings house the Metropolitan Police and offices of various courts.

The campaign is sponsored by a number of environmental organizations, including Friends of the Earth. Call 783-7400, ext. 251 for information. The group is also planning a campaign to get the city to enforce—in its own buildings—the D.C. law that requires office recycling.

(Ed. note: Contrary to expectations, traveling by car to that location from FB about 5:00 p.m. is surprisingly traffic-free, using E Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.)



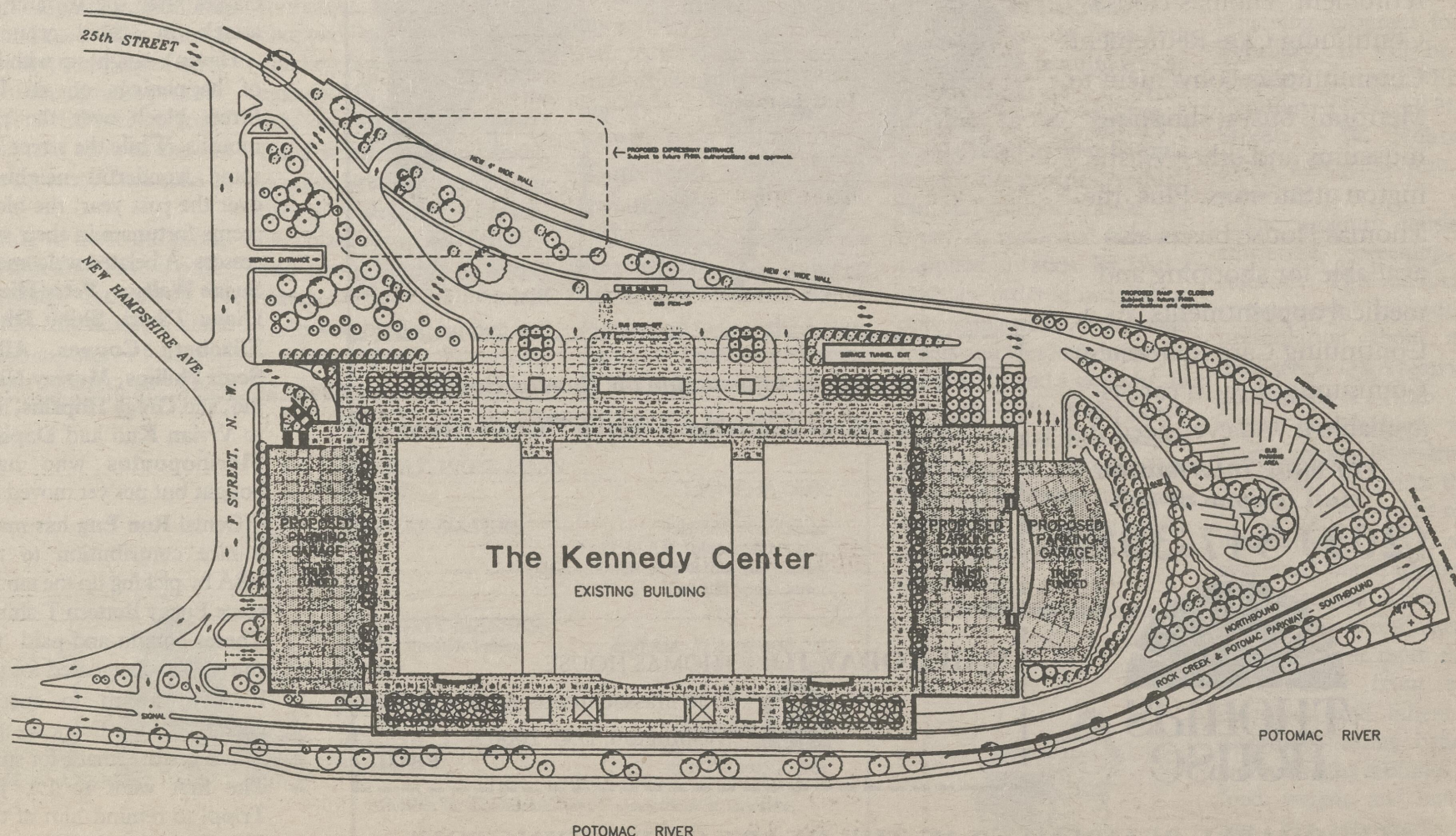
The Trash Force

Another environment-improvement group is The Trash Force, which sche-

dules twice-monthly weekend excursions to pick up trash and recyclables from parks, roadways, and other natural areas. One recent location tidied by The Trash Force was Dupont Circle/Adams Morgan, concentrating on an 18th Street park; several portions of Rock Creek Park have benefitted from their efforts in the recent past. The group meets about 10:30 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday, and spends about 2 hours gathering trash. An optional lunch at a convenient restaurant follows. Contact Paul via e-mail, pnahay@sprynet.com; via the web, <http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/pnahay/tforce.htm>; or phone, 301-593-9650.

IONA Seeks Computer Instructors

At the new headquarters of IONA Senior Services, one can enter a large, bright room lined with computer desks awaiting busy hands. Users and potential users among IONA's clients abound, but volunteer or paid computer instructors are in short supply. Needed are teachers with flexible schedules, for small classes of enthusiastic seniors, in the following subjects: introduction to computers, basics of word processing; using the internet; and spreadsheets. Call Carmen Duran at 895-0248 or Erica Raphael at 895-9403.



Officer O'Day Comes to the Rescue

Early one Sunday evening The George Washington Police received a holiday emergency call from a harried neighbor, alumnus J.R. Black. It seems that the man who promised to play Father Christmas for the children's Christmas party at the Blacks' house was lost.

Darrell Johnson took the call and quickly realized that some special attention was needed. You see—none of the fathers could take on the role since their own children would easily recognize their dads and ruin things for the other kids when they announced "Hey, that's my Dad!"

Johnson assured Mr. Black he would take care of things. Sure enough, five minutes

later the old wall phone rang with GWU Officer Tim O'Day on the line agreeing to stop by at the end of his rounds and be fitted out with a flowing white costume replete with beard, wig, and silver crown. No red suit; the kindergarten classmates of James Daniel Black were from India and Australia and didn't know of Santa Claus. J.R. and wife Marianne met Officer O'Day at the door and quickly fixed him up for a starring role he really never expected when he reported for duty.

Then they announced to the children that FATHER CHRISTMAS was in the front yard. The children ran to the window and the magic began. Their excited faces turned to pure wonderment as they beheld a fabled figure from their story books standing right in front of them. And they all tumbled out the door to hug Father Christmas (O'Day), bring him inside,

where he passed out gifts from his bag, and thoroughly charmed the kids and their onlooking (dewy-eyed) parents.

He said not a word until a child asked him what children he was going to next and he truthfully answered, "I really don't know." Then he gathered the kids for some quick photos and went out the door leaving starry-eyed children who still believe.

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and respond on behalf of the Association to the proposals by OrNda and Universal Health Services to acquire the hospital and become the majority partner in its operation. The hospital is now operated by a partnership in which UHS has an 80% and the university a 20% share.

Recently the hospital's chief executive officer, Phillip Schaengold, informed the ANC that its operating board is still considering whether to

remodel the current building or to build a new, smaller facility across the street. When questioned as to how the old building would be used if a new one was built, he responded that the university owns the real estate and it would be their choice. Schaengold indicated that when the decision is made, the hospital would come to the community to share its plans.

Michael Thomas, as part of his representation of the community, has prepared a questionnaire soliciting ideas and suggestions from Foggy Bottom residents. It was distributed at the January FBA meeting, and appears below.

The hospital is our local medical facility, and the questionnaire provides an opportunity to have a say in its operations and programs. Use the survey to express your opinion and make suggestions so it will be a hospital of highest value to FB residents.



Photo by J.R. Black

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Last year, GW University Hospital was acquired by a new partnership. The majority and managing partner is Universal Health Services. As part of their efforts to understand and respond to the needs of the community, the new hospital management has asked for input from FBA. From time to time we will ask for members to tell us what is good and bad about what is being done at the hospital, and what more could be done, in an effort to help the hospital best serve our needs.

FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE, WHAT IS GOOD, OR BAD, ABOUT CHANGES MADE AT GW HOSPITAL IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS? _____

WHAT CAN THE NEW MANAGEMENT DO TO IMPROVE FACILITIES OR SERVICES IN A WAY THAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? _____

WHAT OTHER INFORMATION SHOULD FBA TRANSMIT TO THE HOSPITAL? _____

WHAT OTHER INFORMATION SHOULD FBA OBTAIN FROM THE HOSPITAL? _____

THE HOSPITAL GAVE FREE FLU SHOTS LAST FALL. IN 1998 THEY INTEND TO DO SO AGAIN, AND TO HAVE FREE STROKE SCREENING IN MAY AND TWO OTHER SIMILAR EVENTS. WHAT OUTREACH PROGRAMS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE? _____

OTHER COMMENTS: _____

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AT AN FBA MEETING, OR TO MICHAEL THOMAS AT 2501 M STREET NW, #611, WASHINGTON DC 20037, OR DROP OFF AT THE WEST END LIBRARY. THANK YOU.

FBA Sends Thanks for Member Contributions

Each year a number of FB residents pay their dues, and in addition send along a contribution to help the Association in its programs. We are happy to publicly acknowledge the folks who made contributions this year. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINE SUPPORT!!**

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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, February 23: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with D.C. Chief Financial Officer Anthony O. Williams as guest speaker, Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday, February 23-27: National Eating Disorders Screening Program, presented by GWU Community Counseling Services, 2134 G Street, N.W. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m. (See article in this issue.)

Thursday, February 26: Community Meeting, Police Service Area 207 (N Street on the north, Rock Creek Parkway on the west, C Street on the south, and 22nd Street on the east). St. Paul's Episcopal Church dining hall, 2430 K Street, N.W. Call Sgt. Robert Panizari, 282-0050, for information. 7:00 p.m.

Thursday-Sunday, February 26-March 1: "Arcadia," a comedy by Tom Stoppard that moves between two eras, 1809 and the present. Presented by GW Theatre and Dance Department at Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, NW, \$8; \$5 seniors and students. Call 994-6178. Thursday-Saturday, 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 1: "Practice Makes Perfect: Music and a Young Lady's Education," a slide lecture illustrating the role music played in a young woman's education during the 19th century. Free; reservations required. Phone 879-3241. DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W. 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1: Colonial Adventure, for children 5-7. A costumed tour through history to see how our ancestors lived. Program includes a one-room house, old-time games, and a make-believe tea party. Free; reservations required. Phone 879-3241. DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W. 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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Sunday, March 1: National Musical Arts Concert, honoring Elliott Carter's 90th Birthday. Selections include Carter, Bach, Milhaud, Vivaldi and Martinu. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4: Community Meeting, Police Service Area 208 (N Street on the north, 22nd Street on the west, Virginia Avenue on the south, 17th on the east to G Street and then north on 19th). Call Sgt. John Rucker, 282-0050, for information. State Plaza Hotel, 2117 E Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4: Citizens Advisory Committee for the Second District Metropolitan Police monthly meeting. Second District headquarters, 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. (near Wisconsin and Newark Street). 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5: Quilt Study Program, featuring 20 quilts from DAR collection, including rare 18th century wholecloth chintz quilt, several classical chintz quilts, a selection of early Maryland and Virginia quilts and more. Reservations required, 879-3241. \$15. DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W. 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 8: Recital, Victoria Castello, pianist. St. Stephen Martyr Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Call 785-0982 for information. 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 9: Concert, "Let All the People Praise Thee," by the Alexandria Choral Society, with chorus, organ and handbells featuring a William Hawley premiere. Also music by Palestrina, Mendelssohn, Poulence, Ives and Part. \$9-\$18; phone 705-548-4734 for information and tickets. Western Presbyterian Church, 24th and G Streets, N.W. 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 15: Concert, United Church Choir and the Ad Hoc Singers, featuring the Bach Motet "Be Not Afraid" and other music for double choir. United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. Free-will offering requested. 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25: Lecture, "A Quaker Girl in Loudoun County, Virginia: The Education and Accomplishments of Young Ladies in Quaker Communities," by Betty Fleming, Curator of the Loudoun Museum, Leesburg. Free, reservations required. 12:00 noon.

Through Thursday, March 29: GW Faculty Emeriti Exhibition, featuring watercolor and mixed media works by Arthur Hall Smith and Douglas H. Teller. Both are former members of the GWU arts faculty, and were noted in the D.C. arts community. Dimock Gallery, 21st & H Streets, N.W. (off lower lobby). Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and selected hours in conjunction with Lisner Auditorium events.

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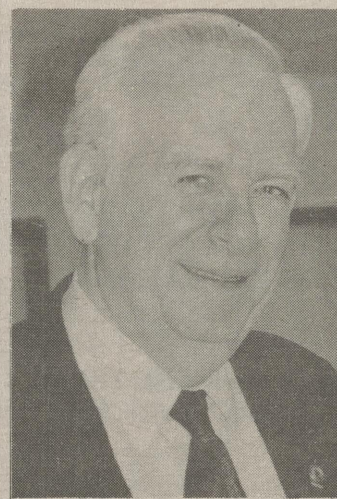
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